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For: STACKING DEVICE FOR STRIP SECTIONS, IN PARTICULAR FOR TEXTILE
STRIP SECTIONS PROVIDED WITH END FOLDS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action and simultaneously with the filing of the present U.S. national phase application, please amend said application as follows:

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

_____ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT			HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	19	MINUS	20	* =	0	X	(\$9 SE or \$18)	\$ -0-
INDEP.	1	MINUS	3	** =	0	X	(\$43 SE or \$86)	\$ -0-
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	(\$145 SE or \$290)	\$ -0-
								TOTAL \$ -0-

* not less than 20 ** not less than 3

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SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☒ If checked, amendments to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendments to the claims are submitted herewith.